

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE
CENTER and MICHELLE DILLON,

Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION
FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, and
OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT,

Defendants.

No. 2:18-cv-01442-JLR

**JOINT STATUS REPORT AND
ORDER**

Note on Motion Calendar:
March 27, 2020

Plaintiffs THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER (“HRDC”) and
MICHELLE DILLON (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) and Defendants U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES and OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT (collectively, “Defendants”) hereby provide the Court with a Joint Status Report pursuant to the Court’s February 24, 2020 Order (Dkt. No. 47).

Since the last Joint Status Report (Dkt. No. 46), filed on February 24, 2020, Defendants have made what they contend is the final production in response to Plaintiffs’ requests. As indicated in the February 24, 2020 Joint Status report, Plaintiffs had certain

1 questions for Defendants relating to one category of documents responsive to the FOIA
2 requests at issue in this litigation. Counsel for Defendants, a representative of the
3 Department of Health and Human Services, outside counsel for HRDC, and the general
4 counsel of HRDC discussed those issues in March of 2020. Plaintiffs have identified two
5 outstanding issue for Defendants to address, upon which Defendants are actively working.
6 The Parties are hopeful that the Defendants' response to those issues will reveal whether
7 this case will need to be substantively litigated further, or if the only remaining issue is the
8 potential award of fees and costs.

9 In light of the above information, the Parties propose that a joint status report be
10 filed approximately one month from today, on or before May 1, 2020.

11 Dated: March 27, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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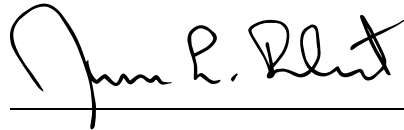
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1 **ORDER**

2 It is hereby ORDERED that:

3 The parties shall submit a joint status report to the Court on or before May 1, 2020.

4 Dated this 27th day of March, 2020

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8 JAMES L. ROBART
9 United States District Judge
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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